

ACCESS TO MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS

Status

Passed by the Senate

Bill

S.2491

An Act to increase access to disposable menstrual products

For a second consecutive session, the Senate unanimously passed bipartisan legislation to broadly expand access to menstrual products in a wide range of public facilities across the state.

Highlights

- 1 Requires safe and disposable menstrual products to be provided in the Commonwealth's primary and secondary schools, correctional institutions, and shelters and temporary housing facilities at no cost to recipients.
- 2 Requires products to be distributed in a non-stigmatizing and convenient way.
- 3 The bill would align Massachusetts with 24 other states that already provide free menstrual products in correctional facilities.



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I learned about this issue from young people in Medford High School, Somerville High School and Cambridge Rindge and Latin who took leadership at the local level to make menstrual hygiene products available in their own communities. This is a true grassroots movement starting with girls talking about their experiences of missing valuable class time or feeling embarrassed to access products during the school day. These conversations have already started to change the culture and have motivated us to expand this across the state

—Senator Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville)

